

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 52.3188

(l) *Foreign material*. “Foreign material” means leaves, twigs, pieces of wood, and similar extraneous materials which are objectionable.

(m) *Insect infestation*. “Insect infestation” means the presence of dead insects, insect fragments, or insect remains. (No live insects are permitted).

(n) *Decay*. “Decay” means a state of decomposition, wholly or in part, of the prune.

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WORK SHEET

§ 52.3188 Work sheet for dried prunes.

Size and kind of container.

Container mark or identification.

Label or brand.

Varietal type.

Style.

Size:

Count per pound (Average).

Uniformity.

() Extra large.

() Large.

() Medium.

() Small.

Moisture content percent; Uniformity.

Varietal characteristics: () . Similar: () Dissimilar.

Defects and summary of allowances ¹	Grade A maximum	Grade B maximum	Grade C maximum	Substandard maximum
Total of all defects, including off-color	10 percent	15 percent .....	.....	No limit except as indicated below.
Total of all defects, including off-color and poor texture.	.....	.....	20 percent.	
Poor texture, end cracks, skin or flesh damage, ³ fermentation, scars, heat damage, insect injury, other means, mold, dirt, foreign material, insect infestation, decay.	But no more than 6 percent.	But no more than 8 percent.		
End cracks, ² skin or flesh damage, ³ fermentation, scars, heat damage, insect injury, other means, mold, dirt, foreign material, insect infestation, decay.	.....	.....	10 percent ² .	
Skin or flesh damage, ³ fermentation, scars, heat damage, insect injury, other means, mold, dirt, foreign material, insect infestation, decay.	.....	.....	But no more than 8 percent.	
Mold, dirt, foreign material, insect infestation, decay.	3 percent	4 percent	5 percent	5 percent.
Decay	But no more than 1 percent.	But no more than 1 percent.	But no more than 1 percent.	But no more than 1 percent.

Total

U.S. Grade (including all factors)

¹ Percentages of defects are “by weight.”

² Except that each 1 percent of end cracks to, and including 8 percent, by weight, shall be considered as ½ percent damaged by end cracks; and any additional end cracks shall be calculated as true percentage, by weight.

³ Allowances for “skin or flesh damage” apply only to “Whole Unpitted” style.

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